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MEETING NOTICE

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City Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 8, 2026
City Hall Bartlett Community Room- 1 Market St.
7:00 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Councilor Sullivan
3. Roll Call
4. Mayoral Appointments

2026-124 Appointment of Jonathan Greeno to the position of member of the Board of Assessors for a term to expire February 28, 2029 - **Mayor Sponsor**

2026-125 Appointment of Travis Souther to the position of member of the Trustees of the War Memorials for a term to expire February 28, 2029- **Mayor Sponsor**

5. President and Vice President Announcements/Communications

2026-127 Reappointment of Jennifer E. Smith to the position of City Clerk for a term to expire October 10, 2029- **Councilor Redfern Sponsor**

2026-132 District 2 Councilor Claudel Frederique-Resignation

6. Presentations from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Official Representatives of Boards and Commissions

- Assessor's Revaluation Work Presentation
- Chief Bailey Traffic Enforcement and Staffing Discussion

7. Licenses and Permits –August

8. Public Comment - Public comment can be done in person during the meeting, or by emailing your comments to clerk@amesburyma.gov by 12:00 p.m. the Friday before the Council meeting, per City Council Rule 5G. Subject line PUBLIC COMMENT. Your comments will be read aloud at the appropriate time in the agenda and entered into the public record.

9. Council Response to Public Comment

10. Second Readings

a. Public Hearings:

2026-126 National Grid Pole Hearing WR#30531898 Sparhawk St. and Main St. Underground Conduit

11. First Readings

2026-128 City Clerk Salary Ordinance- **Councilor Redfern, Councilor Haggstrom, and Councilor Sullivan Sponsors**

Summary: The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a clear and consistent process by which the City Council exercises its authority under the City Charter over the compensation and annual review of the City Clerk, who is appointed by the City Council pursuant to Section 3-6 of the City Charter and who also serves as Clerk to the City Council.

2026-129 An Order to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 140 sec. 139- **Councilor Haggstrom and Councilor Redfern Sponsors**

Summary: This order accepts the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 139(c), which allows municipalities to waive dog license fees for residents aged 70 and older. By adopting this local option, the City of Amesbury would eliminate the annual dog licensing fee for qualifying senior residents while still requiring compliance with all licensing and vaccination requirements. This waiver would apply only to individual dog license fees and would not apply to late fees or kennel licenses. The measure is intended to support senior residents while encouraging continued compliance with local dog licensing requirements and protecting public health.

2026-130 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant of \$25,000.00 through the FY27 Field Demonstration Project.-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The Massachusetts Councils on Aging has awarded the Amesbury Council on Aging \$25,000.00 through the FY27 Field Demonstration Program. The funding will support modernization of the kitchen located at the Costello Center, including the replacement of outdated and nonfunctioning kitchen equipment and related improvements to enhance nutrition services, accessibility, safety, and programming for older adults.

2026-131 An Order to approve payment from the FY27 general fund operating budget for the below listed prior year invoices-**Mayor Sponsor**

Summary: The listed invoices below are for operating expenses related to supplies or services rendered in prior fiscal years but for which funds were not encumbered by the corresponding city department at fiscal year-end. This order requests payment be made to the listed vendors from the corresponding department's current year (FY27) operating budget in accordance with M.G.L. c.44 s. 64. This vote requires two thirds approval of the City Council.

12. Correspondence

- a. Communications from Mayor, City Staff, other Elected Officials, and Representatives of City Boards and Committees
- b. Council Communications
- c. Council Committee Reports

13. Act on Minutes

- July 28, 2026, City Council Meeting
- August 5, 2026, Special City Council Meeting

14. Late Files

2026-133 An Order to appropriate \$30,000 from the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund to fund traffic calming methods in densely populated residential neighborhoods- **Mayor and Councilor Gilday Sponsor**
Summary: This order proposes an appropriation of \$30,000 from the Smart Growth Stabilization Fund to fund several traffic calming tools and methods in densely populated residential neighborhoods. These may include, but are not limited to speed radar feedback signs, center line signs, and temporary speed humps.

15. Adjournment